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SUBJECT: IRISH MINISTER CALL FOR LOW PROFILE CAUSES REACTION

1. WESTMINSTER ELECTION CAMPAIGN TOOK BACK SEAT IN SOME SEGMENTS
NORTHERN IRELAND MEDIA TO REPORTING ON "CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM" ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ALLEGEDLY
PREPARED BY IRISH PTT MINISTER CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL LABOUR PARTY.

2. MEMORANDUM WAS LEAD ITEM FRONT PAGE LOYALIST-INCLINED
BELFAST NEWS LETTER MORNING SEPTEMBER 25 UNDER HEADLINE
"SHOCK EIRE THREAT TO CONVENTION". EXCERPTED "SHOCK PROPOSAL"
FROM MEMORANDUM WAS TO EFFECT WESTMINISTER SHOULD BE URGED
DISSOLVE EMERGENT ULSTER CONSTITUENT CONVENTION IF LOYALISTS
WIN MAJORITY AND REFUSE ACCEPT POWER SHARING.

3. FROM OTHER PRESS AND BBC NORTHERN IRELAND REPORTING IT
APPEARS MEMORANDUM IN ENTIRETY WAS REASONED AND MODERATE ARGUMENT
OF POSSIBLE FUTURE STEP BY STEP DETERIORATION OF SITUATION.
SCENARIO BEGINS WITH ASSUMPTIONS OF DANGERS THAT PROJECTED
CONVENTION MAY HAVE LOYALIST MAJORITY WHICH MIGHT ESTABLISH
ENTIRELY LOYALIST EXECUTIVE. O'BRIEN'S REPORTED RECOMMENDATION
IS FOR LOW PROFILE AND FOLLOWS CLAIM, "DUBLIN'S PRESENT POLICY
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IS AIMED MAINLY AT DOING EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER MIGHT HELP TO AVERT

THE EMERGENCE OF A LOYALIST MAJORITY IN THE CONVENTION ELECTIONS
....." CLAIM OBVIOUSLY SUBJECT TO DISTORTION WHEN TAKEN OUT OF
CONTEXT AND IT PREDICTABLE THAT SOME HERE WILL SEIZE OPPORTUNITY
TO INTERPRET DOCUMENT AS TESTIMONY SINISTER INTENTIONS REPUBLIC
TOWARD DECISIONS MAJORITY COMMUNITY IN NORTH.

4. COINCIDENTALLY, ULSTER UNITED UNIONIST COALITION (UUUC)
ELECTION MANFESTO PUBLISHED SEPT. 24. IN PRESS CONFERENCE
FOLLOWING ISSUANCE UUUC LEADER HARRY WEET SPECIFICALLY REJECTED
POWER SHARING IN EVENTUAL EXECUTIVE IN FAVOR COMMITTEE STRUCTURE
IN WHICH MINORITY PARTIES WOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL SAY.
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